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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Present Application:

Applicants : Martin A. Cheever and Mary L. Disis
Title : METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS TO GENERATE IMMUNITY
IN HUMANS AGAINST SELF TUMOR ANTIGENS BY
IMMUNIZATION WITH HOMOLOGOUS FOREIGN PROTEINS
Docket No. : 920010.535
Date : July 16, 2001

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Prior Application:

Examiner : Susan Ungar, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1642
Application No. : 09/088,951

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PRELIMINARY REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed, February 16, 2001, enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of eliciting or enhancing an immune response to a human self tumor antigen, comprising immunizing a human being with a composition comprising a protein or portion thereof with an amino acid sequence native to a non-human source, wherein the non-human protein or portion thereof has at least 80% amino acid sequence homology to the human self tumor antigen but is not identical in amino acid sequence to the human antigen.